

decrypting the encrypted data stream using an equivalent of the first encryption key  
and the variable; and

using the decrypted data stream.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the variable corresponds to a real time  
and date of transmission.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein the variable corresponds to a real time of  
transmission.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein the variable corresponds to a date of  
transmission.--

Please cancel claims 15, 16 and 26.

### REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following  
remarks.

#### **I. Disposition of Claims**

Claims 2-17, 19-21 and 24-26 are currently pending in the application. Claims 15, 16  
and 26 have been cancelled. Claims 27-30 have been added.

#### **II. Claim Objections**

The Examiner objected to claims 15 and 16, indicating that these claims contained  
allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form incorporating all  
the limitations of the base and intervening claims. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his